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4 Examiner..... Prieto, B
Applicant..... Microsoft Corporation
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19 **In the Claims:**

20 Claims 1-39 were previously pending.

21 Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 17, 19, 23, 25, 28, 31, 33, 37, and 39 are
22 amended.

23 Please cancel claims 7, 26, and 34 without prejudice.

24 Claims 1-6, 8-25, 27-33, and 35-39 are pending.

25 Please amend claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 17, 19, 23, 25, 28, 31, 33, 37, and
39 as follows:

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27 1. (Amended) A system comprising:
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